

TRYING TO FOOL THE FARMERS

American Cotton Association Warns Farmers Not to Plant Big Cotton Crop

Columbia, Jan. 14.—The advance in the cotton market during the past few days has been very largely due to the growing impression on the New York exchange that the farmers of the south are actually going to reduce their cotton acreage this spring. A statement given out from the headquarters of the South Carolina division of the American Cotton association.

Attention of the public was called by the association to the opinions of well known cotton firms which have been printed in the papers recently. Several of these firms are quoted as saying that the reports that farmers are freely signing the acreage reduction pledges had influenced the market.

Warning that the price of cotton might be forced up around planting time in an effort to fool the farmers into planting another large crop was contained in the statement.

"We wish to urge the farmers to sign the pledges and live up to them," says the association. "If they will only do this we will be able to at least sell our cotton for what it cost. The minute the market becomes convinced that we have reduced our acreage we believe there will be a sharp turn upward. We must not be stampeded by an advance, however, into planting another large crop. If we are we will be worse off next fall than we are now. The only thing that can save us will be a drastic reduction in cotton acreage and a very greatly increased acreage in food and feed crops. We believe the farmers of the south have awakened to this fact."

TOBACCO MARKETS VOTE TO REOPEN

While Growers Lay Plans to Hold 1920 Crop

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 13.—All loose tobacco markets throughout the Kentucky district of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, closed for more than a week because of unsatisfactory prices offered by buyers, will open January 17, it was decided at a meeting of warehousemen here late today. The vote was thirty warehouses for opening and twelve for remaining closed. Aurora, Ind., Brookville, Ky., Mayville, Ky., and Walton, Ky., voted solidly against reopening, while two out of three Carlisle warehouses voted to open and one to remain closed.

Growers' representatives, however, in a prior meeting had authorized formation of an organization for holding the 1920 crop until April 15 and setting out the 1921 crop entirely. A committee of one man from each tobacco growing county in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, and from four Tennessee counties, was appointed to work out the plan of organization which calls for signed pledges by growers that they will carry out the agreement.

Miss Camilla DuRant Entertains

The attractive apartment of Dr. C. R. Durant was made most festive in its plant and flower decoration on last Friday when Miss Camilla DuRant entertained a number of her young friends. The young hostess received her guests with that charm and gentleness so characteristic of her and truly made her guests feel the happiness of the hour. The afternoon was passed in playing the popular game of Hearts Dice, which was played on six tables. The counting of the score honored Miss Dorothy H. Hovis of St. Joseph Academy with the first prize, a box of dainty crepe de chine handkerchiefs, while the booby prize fell to Miss Erlene Garret, who will be laboriously engaged during the near future in mastering her A. B. C.'s.

At the conclusion of the game, refreshments, ice cream, cake and candies were daintily served. Little Miss DuRant presided at the punch bowl.

Mrs. S. K. Rowland and Mrs. Archie China were the chaperones who did much to promote the happiness of this very happy afternoon. Among those present were Misses Dorothy Hovis, of St. Joseph's Academy, Marie Boutin, Lodi Ryttenberg, Mildred DeLorme, Hermeyne Mitchell of St. Joseph's Academy, Arlie Mae Barnum, Lula Gillis of St. Joseph's Academy, Edna Baney, Ethel Bynum, Erlene Cartell, Nell Ann, Helen Commander and Janie Bland.

County Superintendent of Education Haynsworth is in receipt of a limited number of packages containing garden and flower seed which have been sent him by the government for free distribution. The seed are preferably given to school children who will apply at the superintendent's office and express their desire to plant a garden. They have been on hand for about a week and a number of packages have been disposed of. Among the vegetable seed are beets, peas, lettuce, carrots, radish, beans and onions. The flower seed are Calendula, Candytuft, cosmos, dianthus and poppies.

Admiral McGowan May Practice Law.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, retired, prominent South Carolinian residing in Washington, will soon be an accredited attorney of the District of Columbia bar. He will be presented to all the courts, including the supreme court of the United States, by Charles Douglass, local attorney, who is another distinguished South Carolinian.

Admiral McGowan was admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1891, but he has never practiced. It is not anticipated that he intends actively to practice.

BRAMLETT PREFER THE GANG

Greenville County Murderer Asks to Be Sent to Gang Instead of Penitentiary

Greenville, Jan. 19.—Hugh T. Bramlett, convicted last week of the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lou McHugh, and recommended to the mercy of the court, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge George E. Prince to serve the remainder of his life at hard labor in the state penitentiary. Bramlett today withdrew his motion for a new trial, and announced through his counsel that he was ready to receive sentence. Bramlett asked that instead of being sentenced to the state penitentiary, he be permitted to serve his sentence on the chain gang here, where he would be near his family and his aged mother. This request, earnestly pleaded for by Bramlett's counsel and strongly opposed by Solicitor Martin, was considered by Judge Prince, who, after deliberation, sentenced Bramlett to serve in the state penitentiary, but included a provision that "in the event the physician of the penitentiary and the superintendent of the insane asylum unite in a certificate that you have entirely recovered your mental balance, you may be, on request of the supervisor of Greenville county, transferred for hard labor upon the public works of said county for the remainder of your sentence."

SENATOR SMITH WON FIGHT

Washington, Jan. 14.—An impossible fight was won in the senate this afternoon when, over Republican opposition, the senate enacted the nitrate corporation bill. This measure containing what is regarded as inculcate benefit for the farmers of the country was in charge of Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina. He was warmly congratulated following the victory for the splendid manner in which he had conducted himself. The victory was in the nature of a surprise even to the friends of the measure and to the lobbyists against it a distinct shock.

FOGLE IS LODGED IN PENITENTIARY

Columbia, Jan. 14.—After fighting a mob with his bare fists Sheriff Hill, of Calhoun county, last night killed Richard Fogle, the negro accused of shooting to death Earl Wadford, a white man of the Lone Star section, yesterday and of seriously wounding Mrs. Wadford and her four-month-old infant, and Corbett Zeigler, a neighbor of the Wadford, to the Orangeburg county jail and brought him to Columbia by a circuitous route this afternoon. He lodged Fogle in the penitentiary for safekeeping.

Mr. Zeigler, who had his right leg amputated at the Baptist hospital here yesterday, is reported to be resting very favorably tonight.

SENATE VOTES FOR NITRATE BILL

Washington, Jan. 14.—By a vote of 34 to 29 the senate late today passed the nitrate bill for permanent federal operation of the nitrate plant built by the government during the war at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The measure, which had been fought vigorously for about two weeks and been made the subject of charges and counter charges of lobbying and wastefulness, finally was put through with the aid of a few Republican votes and new goes to the house where its future is uncertain. Radical changes were made by the senate in the measure as reported originally from the agricultural committee.

In today's vote on the final passage, 39 Democrats were joined by four Republicans—Senators Capper of Kansas, Gronna of North Dakota, La Follette of Wisconsin and McNary of Oregon. Twenty-seven Republicans and two Democrats, Senators Gore of Oklahoma and King of Utah, voted in opposition.

The bill was advocated as a measure both for the farmers' aid and as a protection in case of war, the nitrate properties being designed for manufacture of fertilizer in times of peace and for nitrates, used in powder making, in case of war. Opponents declared that the plea of agricultural assistance was "camouflage" that the cost of making fertilizer would be excessive and that it was proposed to commit the government to developing and selling hydraulic power from the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, now partially completed.

As passed by the senate the nitrate bill would create a government corporation with \$12,500,000 capital stock owned by the government and managed by a board appointed by the president, under jurisdiction of the treasury department. The senate today adopted amendments by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, placing the board under the treasury instead of the war department, because, Senator Wadsworth said, it could be operated better by civilians than by army officers.

Properties which the corporation is authorized in the senate bill to take over are said to have cost the government about \$100,000,000 during the war.

London, Jan. 15.—What the police declared to be a big Sinn Fein plot to destroy property in London was uncovered in court today, when Patrick Kenny, an Irishman charged with participating in an attempt to murder two policemen and trying to ignite barrels of oil on the premises of the Vacuum Oil company was arraigned. At 1 o'clock this morning the police discovered fifteen men near the premises. A fight followed in which several shots were fired by civilians. Kenny was arrested, but the others escaped.

NATIONAL THRIFT WEEK FOR S. C.

Progressive and Public Spirited Banks and Merchants Will Co-operate in Movement

A national "Thrift Week" will be observed beginning January 17 under the general direction, it is announced, of the Y. M. C. A. in cooperation with the treasury department. The Y. M. C. A. is also planning an extensive part in the celebration. Organizations interested in the "Own Your Home" movement, banks, insurance companies and other agencies will likewise take part in making "Thrift Week" a success. Concerted efforts to teach the American people the importance of putting every dollar in the nation at work in 1921 are to be made during the week.

The Savings Division of the United States treasury department is much interested in "Thrift Week," and through the government savings organization in this federal reserve district is preparing to give valuable cooperation. It is issuing a pamphlet entitled "Boss Your Dollars" for the use of boys and young men in industries. The key-note of this pamphlet is found in the statement—"The time to begin to save is the day you begin to work."

As a means of stimulating the savings movement the United States treasury department will offer during 1921, two new savings securities in addition to the 25 cent thrift stamp, the \$5 war savings stamp and the \$100 and \$1,000 treasury savings certificates. The new offerings are a \$1 non-interest bearing treasury savings stamp and a \$25 treasury savings certificate which will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent compounded quarterly if held until maturity.

These new issues will, it is believed, not only help the savings movement in the public schools where it is already in high favor, but they will serve to stimulate the work along other lines. It is to give the movement a strong impetus that the United States treasury department plans to co-operate so fully in the national "Thrift Week" program.

CHANGING COUNTY LINES

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Counties have gained and lost considerable territory during the past year, according to reports of elections made in the house of representatives yesterday. Eight separate transfers of county allegiance were mentioned.

The list as read out in the house was as follows: Lexington county to Newberry county; Colleton to Barnberg; Kershaw to Lee; Clarendon to Sumter; Orangeburg to Calhoun; Berkeley to Charleston; Edgefield to McCormick; McCormick to Edgefield.

SMALL ARMY FAVORED

Washington, Jan. 14.—Over the protest of the majority of its military affairs committee, the senate today passed a resolution directing the secretary of war to cease army recruiting until the size of the regular army is cut down to 150,000 men.

Senator Phelan, Democrat, of California, after the adjournment of the senate, notified Vice President Marshall that he would ask the senate tomorrow for reconsideration of the vote on the ground that the senate had not been fully informed concerning the objections of General Pershing and Secretary Baker to the reductions.

Should Senator Phelan fail in his endeavor to bring about reconsideration, the resolution will go to the house.

Chairman Wadsworth of the military affairs committee did not ask for a roll call on the resolution because the senate, a few minutes before by a decisive vote of 34 to 28, adopted a motion of Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, fixing the army's maximum limit at 150,000, thereby rejecting the committee's proposal to make the figure 175,000. This vote was taken, although General Pershing and Secretary Baker at an executive session with the military affairs committee just before the convening of the senate objected to any serious cut in the size of the army. General Pershing suggested 200,000 as the minimum limit.

Senator New, Republican, of Indiana, a member of the military affairs committee, who introduced the original reduction resolution, declared that he did not consider the 150,000 limit "either expedient or safe," while Chairman Wadsworth expressed opposition "to what is a very drastic reduction of our military establishment."

Senator Dial, Democrat, of South Carolina asked if the number of officers was affected, and Chairman Wadsworth responded that the "only way to discharge officers is by death or court-martial for dishonorable conduct or bad debts."

Several amendments regulating the application of the reduction were adopted, the most important of which would require the war department to maintain all services on an equal basis, equivalent to 53 1-2 per cent, of the total strength in each branch contemplated by existing army reorganization statutes.

Another would authorize the discharge of any enlisted man upon his application, if approved by the secretary of war.

The committee estimated the present size of the army about 213,000.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—A petition protesting against the employment of Judge K. M. Landis as national baseball commissioner has been sent to members of congress from Illinois by Thomas J. Sutherland, a Chicago attorney. The petition demands action relative to Landis serving both as judge and as the agent of the baseball commission.

BANK OFFICERS ELECTED

Stockholders Meeting of the Sumter Trust Company Held

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sumter Trust company was held Friday and the following directors and officers elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Directors: I. C. Strauss, R. O. Purdy, H. J. Harby, H. C. Haynsworth, G. A. Lemmon, George D. Levy, Neil O'Donnell, T. H. Parker, A. C. Phelps, C. G. Rowland, W. W. Sibert, C. L. Stubbs, I. A. Ryttenberg.

Officers: I. C. Strauss, president; R. O. Purdy, vice-president; R. L. Edmunds, secretary and treasurer; C. B. Huff, assistant secretary and treasurer; Misses Mary Belle Burgess and Caroline P. Richardson, book-keepers. Trust officer, George D. Levy.

The following finance committee was appointed: Neil O'Donnell, G. A. Lemmon, W. W. Sibert, A. C. Phelps, H. J. Harby, Secretary of the board, H. C. Haynsworth.

AMERICAN HELD IN MOSCOW JAIL

Washington, Jan. 14.—Capt. Emmett Kilpatrick, American Red Cross worker, who was reported last November to have been killed by the bolsheviks, is in jail at Moscow, advises today to the state department.

It was added that he was captured last October 29, while engaged in relief work along the front occupied by the Wrangel forces in the Crimea.

Kilpatrick, whose home is in Uniontown, Pa., was captured during a cavalry raid with C. Atchey, of the Mennonite Relief society. No word has been received of the latter. When last seen, according to state department advice at the time, Kilpatrick had been stripped of his underclothes in zero weather and was being led away by the raiders.

BIG DECREASE IS SHOWN

Washington, Jan. 14.—Cotton consumed during December amounted to 294,851 bales of lint and 21,618 bales of lintless, the census bureau announced today.

Cotton consumed during December, 1919, amounted to 511,711 bales of lint, and 25,031 of lintless.

Cotton held in consuming establishments December 31 was 1,258,837 bales of lint and 239,029 bales of lintless, compared with 1,836,703 of lint and 269,190 of lintless, and in public storage and at compresses 5,623,538 bales of lint and 337,890 of lintless, compared with 4,164,208 of lint and 295,739 of lintless.

Imports of cotton amounted to 25,850 bales, compared with 48,594.

Exports were 788,538 bales, including 3,179 bales of lintless, compared with 876,843, including 2,091 of lintless.

Cotton spindles active during December numbered 29,879,402, compared with 34,583,160.

Statistics for cotton-growing states show:

Consumed 193,420 bales, compared with 271,703.

On hand in consuming establishments 629,840, compared with 1,116,005, and in public storage and at compresses, 5,266,039, compared with 3,340,438.

Cotton spindles active 14,490,640, compared with 14,859,175.

ANNUAL ASYLUM REPORT

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Report of its annual inspection of the State Hospital is made public today by the State Board of Public Welfare, following its inspection of the institution recently.

The report states that it cost the State Hospital \$6.58 cents to care for a patient per day last year. The per capita cost to the state of each patient for the entire year 1920 was \$316.91.

The report refers to the recreational features of the hospital management, athletic sports, dances, moving pictures, concerts, checkers, a brass band, and baseball. The patients are also given useful occupation, and about 35 per cent of inmates restored socially, through the occupation and recreation. There are religious services every Sunday, in which the superintendent, Dr. C. F. Williams, takes an interested part.

The new plant of the hospital is nearing completion, the renovation of the Taylor building to be finished soon. The group of new and renewed buildings will afford suitable provision for patients of both sexes, as "attractive in appearance and efficient in arrangement as a congenial institution could reasonably expect to be."

The report says that the one building that does not yet come up to high expectations is the Thompson building, for negro inmates.

The board recommends that more professional help be employed at the hospital. There are now 16 nurses and 153 attendants, in care of the 2,150 mentally diseased patients. The hospital has in recent years found it difficult to get nurses and attendants.

The board also recommends more adequate and comfortable quarters for the negro patients. "Shockingly inadequate" are the negro quarters at the hospital and also at the state park, says the report.

The report of the board also suggests that the state provide a ward for psychopaths. It refers to psychopaths as a "menace to good order, for they enter into all kinds of crime, stealing, swindling, forgery and like infractions of the law. They are morally responsible for their lawless doings, nor should they be held so by the state."

The board says that a psychopath is a person that has chronic abnormal social and mental reactions to the ordinary conditions of life. He is not an insane person, a neurosis or a mental defective.

MAYOR OF CORK GIVES TESTIMONY

O'Callaghan Tells of Conditions in Ireland. Appeals For Cause

Washington, Jan. 14.—Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, who reached the United States last week as a stowaway and without a passport, completed his testimony before the commission from the committee of 100 investigating Irish conditions today and thereby accomplished the announced purpose of his visit to America.

Completion by the lord mayor of his presentment of conditions in his home land was followed a few hours later by submission to Secretary of Labor Wilson of a brief arguing that the Cork executive now in the United States on parole, be permitted to remain here as a political refugee entitled under the law of admission without a passport. The brief was submitted through O'Callaghan's counsel in accordance with a ruling of Secretary Wilson at the preliminary hearing accorded the lord mayor several days ago. Secretary Wilson is expected to reach a decision in the matter of permanently admitting O'Callaghan tomorrow.

Mayor O'Callaghan in completing his testimony devoted largely today to a description of the recent burning of Cork, presented an appeal for support of the Irish cause. With the appeal he coupled the declaration that the United States and England alike entered the world war pledged to the principle of self-determination for small nations and that since England had shown in her treatment of Ireland the pledge to be "smoke screen and humbug" the United States too unless showing a more real interest in Ireland might be made liable to the same accusation.

"If we are told," he continued, "that neither America nor any other nation which sees us bleeding to death despite all that was said about self-determination meant what they said and that it is now admitted to be 'humbug' in our case, it will not be 'humbug.' We will continue the fight, be the results what it may."

Mayor O'Callaghan was followed on the stand by Peter MacSwiney, brother of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, and a fellow stowaway with O'Callaghan and by four sailors of the American steamer Westcannon which brought the stowaways to Newport News.

Emil Pezolt, of Oakland, Calif., one of the sailors, declared that he was robbed of his money, passports and other personal possessions, beaten almost into insensibility and threatened with death by a detail of British soldiers on the streets of Cork December 11, while the Westcannon was in that port.

"The captain of the ship took the matter up with Mason Mitchell, consul at Queenstown, who in turn referred it to the British general in charge of troops in Cork, and was told that nothing could be done to find the culprits."

Pezolt said he had written a letter to the state department regarding the matter.

Henry Turk, of San Francisco, Harold Johns and Ralph Taylor of Scott township, Pennsylvania, corroborated main facts told by Pezolt. The witnesses described the burning of Cork.

JUDGE IS MURDERED WITH AXE

Wife Jumps From Bed Screaming For Help

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Moody Price was able tonight to give a more coherent account of the murder of her husband, Judge Price, whose body was found in bed beside that of his wife this morning, with his head hacked and mangled by the blade of an axe, ten blows having been dealt him by two intruders, either one of which would have proven fatal.

According to Mrs. Price, who was dealt one blow by the marauders as she jumped from the bed screaming when her husband was attacked, she was rendered unconscious from the blow, or fainted from fright. She and Judge Price were awakened by a noise, and as they sat up in bed they were blinded by a flashlight, and she was only able to distinguish the outlines of two forms. Her screams attracted her son and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yarborough, asleep on an upper floor. Yarborough hurried downstairs, where he found Mrs. Price in the hallway and Judge Price lying upon the bed, mortally wounded, the bloody axe on the floor. Telephone wires had been cut.

Police investigation revealed that a crowbar had been used to force an entrance through the bath room window. On the rear porch were found the trousers of Judge Price, two revolvers and a purse belonging to Mrs. Price.

A bloodhound was placed on the trail about noon today, which led east of the city, along a circuitous route, but the trail was lost when it reached a public highway four miles from the scene of the murder. A coroner's jury began an investigation late today, but it is stated that no light has been thrown on the murder. The investigation will be resumed tomorrow morning.

Judge Price was formerly United States commissioner here and deputy clerk of the Federal Circuit Court.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—All twelve of the F-3-L seaplanes that were making flights from San Diego, Cal., to the Canal Zone arrived in the Canal Zone yesterday.

London, Jan. 15.—Russian bolshevik agents who have been engaged in enlisting German workers for emigration to Russia, have been ordered to leave Germany, a Berlin wireless message declares.

RAILROADS ARE HARD UP

Increased Rates Disappoint as to Volume of Return in Revenue Relief Needed to Effect Settlement of Railroad Claims

Washington, Jan. 14.—Increased rates granted the railroads have failed to yield anticipated revenues and many roads are in a precarious financial condition, in some instances without funds to purchase supplies, a group of railway executives declared today before the house commerce committee.

Urging amendments of the transportation act to enable the carriers to obtain partial settlements for losses sustained during the six months' guarantee period after government control ended, the delegation, which included Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, and Samuel Rea, head of the Pennsylvania, told the committee that relief must be granted immediately if the transportation system of the country is to function effectively.

Others who urged quick action on relief legislation were William J. Hobbs, vice president of the Boston & Maine; M. L. Bell, general counsel for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and T. DeWitt Currier and Alfred P. Thom, chairman and general counsel, respectively, of the Association of Railway Executives. Chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission also advocated amendment on the transportation act to permit partial settlement of the railroads' claims.

Mr. Willard declared that the Baltimore & Ohio "has practically stopped purchasing supplies because its officials do not see how they will be able to pay for them."

The company at present, he added, is not even earning on its investment.

Mr. Rea said the earnings of the roads since they were granted higher rates had not been as great as anticipated, while Mr. Thom explained that there had been an appreciable slump in traffic, resulting, he added, in a considerable decrease in revenue.

The situation was characterized by Mr. Hobbs as "exceedingly acute."

The railroads, the executives contended, have been unable to file complete statements of their losses with the interstate commerce commission as required in order to obtain payment of the amount due them because many claims against the carriers have not been filed and they are unable to determine just what their losses will be.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Payment of \$15,000 to the Atlantic & St. Andrews Bay Railway company under the guaranty provisions of the transportation act was announced today by the treasury. This makes a total of \$171,645,937 paid over to railroads under various sections of the act to date.

JUDGE HYDRICK PASSES AWAY

Associate Judge of Supreme Court Dies Suddenly in Washington

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Word was received in Columbia today of the death in Washington last night of Associate Justice D. E. Hydrick, of the South Carolina supreme court. Judge Hydrick had been in bad health for several weeks, it is said, but his death comes as a shock to the people of the state. He made his home in Columbia. He had been visiting his son in Washington since before Christmas.

Nashville, Jan. 15.—Alfred Alexander Taylor was inaugurated governor of Tennessee today. Mr. Taylor is the third Republican to hold the office of governor of Tennessee since reconstruction days, and he enters the office thirty-five years after his first race for governor, which was against his brother, Bob, a Democrat, who defeated him on that occasion.

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—President Obregon contemplates the immediate re-organization of his cabinet which will affect at least seven portfolios, newspapers here declare.

Washington, Jan. 14.—At the close of recounting ballots of 945 of 2,200 Michigan precincts today, Henry Ford had gained 1,103 votes over Senator Newberry in the senate privileges and election committee canvass of the controversy. Senator Newberry's plurality was around 7,700.

London, Jan. 15.—Continuous success for the Greeks in their offensive against Turkish nationalists in the Brussell sector are reported in the latest Greek army communique.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The war finance corporation revived over the president's veto and is now functioning. It was announced today that it is prepared to consider applications for loans to finance exports. In the same manner it considered advances prior to suspension of operations last May.

Washington, Jan. 15.—A joint resolution requesting the president to call a conference of the nations of the world to consider universal disarmament was approved today by the house foreign affairs committee without a dissenting vote. The committee rejected the amendment of Representative Mason, Republican, Illinois. Invitations to participate will be extended to Ireland and the Philippines.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 15.—Herbert Hoover's plea for funds for European relief at the dinner here tonight was flashed by wireless telephone amateur radio operators within a radius of one thousand miles of Pittsburgh.